GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ENHANCEMENT OF SEATS IN MEDICAL/ DENTAL COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Medical Council of India and Dental Council of India proposes to increase seats in all Medical/ Dental Colleges in various States in view of OBC reservations from the next academic year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of directions issued to MCI and DCI by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The Medical Council of India and the Dental Council of India are recommendatory bodies. The proposals for increase in the seats in Medical/Dental courses received, from time to time, by the Central Government, from Medical/Dental colleges/institutions are considered in consultation with these regulatory Councils. However, the permission for increase in seats in Medical/Dental courses is granted by this Ministry. As such there is no need to issue directions to MCI/DCI in this regard.